THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Proposal to make Sugar Industry more Competitive

1326. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether the sugar industry is fit to meet the global competition;

(b) whether Government are considering to delicence the industry; if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the sops given to the new sugar industries; if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government are considering to encourage the new sugar industries to go in for the latest technology to make them competitive; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) At present, sugar exports are being undertaken at a loss which is borne by the sugar factories themselves. Efforts are being made to further improve the efficiency of the sugar factories to reduce their cost of production.

(b) The present licensing policy, including the option of delicensing, is being reviewed. Until then, the present licensing arrangement, as notified vide Press Note dated 8-11-91, would continue.

(c) In order to make the new sugar projects, established at high capital cost, viable, a new Incentive Scheme has been formulated under which new sugar factories would be entitled to 100% free sale quota for 8 years in "High Recovery Areas" and 100% for 9 years and 66% for the 10th year in "Other Recovery Areas".

(d) and (e) Yes Sir. The standard specifications formulated by the Government for establishment of new sugar factories include latest equipments, like fibrizor, automatic cane feeding devices, rising/falling film evaporator, low head vacuum pans, continuous centrifugal machines, high pressure boilers etc. for attaining higher productivity.

Supply of Levy Sugar to Ration Shops

1327. DR. ISHWAR CHANDRA GUPTA : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether levy sugar supplied to ration shops in various States are not in proportion to the number of cards resulting in much inconvenience to the public;

(b) what is the demand and supply of levy sugar of each State during the years 1992-93 and 1993-94; and

(c) what steps are being taken to remedy the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) to (c) With effect from February, 1987, a monthly

levy sugar quota of 3.32 lakh tonnes (increased slightly to 3.33 lakh tonnes in May 1990) is being released to the States/UTs based on 425 gms. per capita monthly availability for the projected population as on 1-10-86. However, in case of some States/UTs, higher allocations are being made keeping in view the special circumstances prevailing there. Further the Government has allowed an adhoc increse of 5% in the monthly allocations of all States/UTs from August, 1991, which is still continuing. Thus, the total monthly allocation of levy sugar at present is 3.50 lakh tonnes.

The State-wise monthly allocation is given in the Statement (*See* below).

In addition to the above, to meet the requirement of important festivals, additional levy sugar is released to States/UTs in the month(s) of their choice and accordingly, about one lakh tonnes of extra sugar is released every year as festival quota. The distribution of the allotted quantity of levy sugar to ration card holders in urban and rural areas is arranged by the respective State Governments/UT Administration.

Statement

Monthly Normal Quota of Levy Sugar and Additional 5% Adhoc Increase

Sl. No.	Stat /Union Territories	Monthly Normal Quota	Monthly 5% ad-hoc increase (allowed from August, 1991)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	25281	1264
2.	Andaman Nicobar	247	12
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	314	16
4.	Assam	9617	481
5.	Bihar	33459	1673
6.	Chandigarh	372	19
7.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	51	3
8.	Delhi	8721	436
9.	Goa	500	25
10.	Daman	24	1
11.	Diu	15	1
12.	Gujarat	16194	810
13.	Haryana	6386	319
14.	Himachal Pradesh	2019	101
15.	Jammu & Kashmir	2884	144
16.	Karnataka	17769	888
17.	Kerala	11953	598
18.	Lakshadweep	71	4
19.	Madhya Pradesh	25031	1252
20.	Maharashtra	29938	1497

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
21.	Manipur	694	35
22.	Meghalaya	662	33
23.	Mizoram	261	13
24.	Nagaland	426	21
25.	Orissa	12393	620
26.	Pondicherry	305	15.2
27.	Karaikal	73	3.7
28.	Mahe	15	0.7
29.	Yanam	7	0.4
30.	Punjab	7945	397
31.	Rajasthan	16914	846
32.	Sikkim	165	8
33.	Tamil Nadu	22547	1127
34.	Tripura	1001	50
35.	Uttar Pradesh	52926	2646
36.	West Bengal	25888	1294
	GRAND TOTAL	333068	16654

Contract System of Labour in F.C.I.

1328. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that contract system of labour is still prevalent in Food Corporation of India in the State of Punjab;

(b) if so, the reasons for continuance of this system ; and

(c) what steps are being taken to scrap this system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) It has been reported by FCI that the Ministry of Labour, which is the appropriate authority under the CL (R&A) Act 1970, has notified only six centres namely Rampura Phul, Nakodar, Banga, Bhakatanwala, Bharariwal and Sangrana Sahib prohibiting employment of the contract labour. However, abolition of the contract labour in the notified centres of Nakodar and Banga has not been implemented despite agreement with the Union, due to dispute with the Union in regard to identification of labourers for departmentalisation. The Corporation is making all possible endeavour to abolish contract labour in its depots in Punjab.

Release of Additional Sugar

1329. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has ordered a "Special release" of an additional 80,000 tonnes of sugar;